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Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of our client, the North Bay Water Reuse Authority, please see attachment regarding the letter of support for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Integrated Water Resources Management (IRWM) "Round 1" Implementation Grant Application/North Bay Water Reuse Authority Projects.

If you have any questions pertaining to this letter, please contact Kevin Booker (Sonoma County Water Agency) at 707-521-1865.

Thank you.

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June 7, 2011

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RE: Support for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Integrated Water Resources Management (IRWM) "Round 1" Implementation Grant Application/North Bay Water Reuse Authority Projects

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of the North Bay Water Reuse Authority, we are writing in support of the Department of Water Resources' recently released draft funding recommendation for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Integrated Water Resources Management (BACWA IRWM) implementation grant application.

As you are likely aware, Sonoma, Marin and Napa Counties face long-term challenges in providing reliable water supplies. Only a small corner of the region is served by the state water project, surface and groundwater sources are limited and some groundwater basins are over-pumped. Urban, agricultural and environmental demands exceed the region's sustainable water supply. In response to the regional water supply challenges, local leaders formed the North Bay Water Reuse Authority more than a decade ago to expand the use of recycled water as a drought-proof supply.

Overall, we believe that the process associated with the BACWA IRWM implementation grant application was conducted with great transparency and integrity and believe that the grant application reflects a fair balancing of requests. Moreover, we believe that the Department of Water Resources' draft recommendation for full funding of the requested amount of \$29,715,426 as reflected in the BACWA IRWM application is reflective of the quality of that process.

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With respect to the North Bay Water Reuse Authority projects that are included in the BACWA IRWM implementation application, we wish to register our strong support for these critically important projects and to briefly highlight the importance of the projects to regional water supply reliability.

Specifically, the four North Bay Water Reuse Authority projects proposed for funding will facilitate use of approximately 1,490 acre feet of recycled water.

Implementation of these projects - which include the North Marin Water District/Novato Sanitary District's Novato North Service Area Project, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitation District/North Marin Water District's Novato South Service Project, Napa Sanitation District's Napa State Hospital Pipeline Construction Stage 1 project and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Sonoma Valley Recycled Water Stage 1 project - all represent a significant step in the North Bay Water Reuse Authority's ongoing efforts toward implementation of Phase 1 of this critical regional program.

Overall, the North Bay Water Reuse Authority is proud to have advanced quality projects within the context of the Bay Area IRWM grant application and strongly believe that these projects well reflect the regional vision that is core to the Department's Integrated Water Resources Management program.

If you have any questions pertaining to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Booker of the Sonoma County Water Agency at (707) 521-1865.

Sincerely,



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Chair



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